

AN ORDINANCE

BY COUNCILMAN LEE MORRIS

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE  
ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS GOVERNING THE  
COMPLIANCE WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL  
DEVICES THROUGH THE USE OF CAMERAS OR  
OTHER IMAGING TECHNOLOGY; TO REPEAL  
CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reveals that red-light runners kill more than 800 people each year and injure more than 200,000 people; and

WHEREAS, more than half of the deaths caused by red-light runners are pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, Georgia ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the Insurance Institute's study of red-light running, with 195 deaths between 1992 and 1998; and

WHEREAS, the installation of cameras or other imaging technology at intersections where traffic control devices are in use will detect motorists who violate laws governing the compliance with traffic control devices; and

WHEREAS, such method of enforcement should act as a deterrent so as to reduce the number of people who violate laws governing the compliance with traffic control devices; and

WHEREAS, such a reduction in violators should cause a corresponding reduction in the number of injuries and deaths caused by red-light runners; and

**WHEREAS**, in an unofficial opinion rendered June 30, 2000, the State Attorney General determined that municipalities may enact ordinances which allow for the enforcement of laws governing compliance with traffic Control devices through the use of cameras and other imaging technology.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS**  
as follows:

**Section 1:** The City of Atlanta is hereby authorized to enforce laws governing compliance with traffic control devices through the use of cameras or other imaging technology with respect to streets and highways under its jurisdiction.

**Section 2:** In connection with the enforcement of such laws as set forth in Section 1, in addition to any other penalties which may be imposed, civil monetary penalties shall be imposed and when imposed, shall be the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle. Said civil monetary penalties shall be imposed as follows:

**[TO BE DETERMINED]**

**SECTION 3:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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FILED BY  
CITY COUNCIL

DEC 03 2001

w/o objection  
voice vote

- ☐ CONSENT REFER  
☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER  
☐ ADVERTISE & REFER  
☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER  
☒ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 8/7/00

Referred To: Public Safety/Legal Admin

Date Referred 11/19/01

Referred To: Legal Administration

Date Referred

Referred To:

First Reading

Committee

Date

Chair

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Committee

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Action:

Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)

Other:

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☐ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd

Readings

☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☐ RC Vote

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MAYOR'S ACTION